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REMARKS

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1. On 12 January 1954, the Artillerie Kaserne in Kuestrin was occupied as previously by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery and, a few, with motor transport insignia. Between 2 and 12 January, an undetermined number of troops daily received instruction on 6 x 37-mm AA guns in the western training area, while other soldiers received drill on former Dettlefsen Strasse. At about 9 a.m. on 12 January, a column of 5 trucks, each occupied by 8 to 12 troops and each towing a 37-mm AA gun; 1 van-like truck, and 1 truck with field kitchen left the installation toward Manschnow, returning at about 9 p.m. Instruction on 85-mm AA guns was daily held in the southeastern training area during the period under review. On 8 January, source observed there 16 x 85-mm AA guns, 4 Puaso-3 ballistic directors and 1 radar with parabolic reflector. On 5 and 6 January, driving school practice, involving truck was for the first time again observed in the area of the Vorflutinsel. Motor vehicles seen entering and leaving the installation

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2. About 15 to 20 Soviet officer families which had arrived between 2 and 6 January, were temporarily quartered in the barracks area. The building, which was to quarter these families, was the easternmost building on Dettlefsen Strasse. It had not yet been completed. Source determined that, since recently, the building of the Altstadt railroad station in the Vorflutinsel area, which so far had been vacant, contained 10 to 12 officer billets.

25X1A Comment. The information indicates that the Artillerie Kaserne, prior to 12 January, was occupied as previously by a light and a medium regiment of the 32d AAA Div (US), 4 Puaso-3 ballistic directors and a Whiff-type AAA firing device.

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